

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 15, 2023~9:30 A.M.**

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We will give thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds!  
**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High!**

HYMN....."We Gather Together" .....UMH #131

UNISON PRAYER

**Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us upon your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Hallelujah! Amen!**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday school at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

ANTHEM..... "Resting in Your Arms" .....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**We bring these gifts, O God, from what we have received from you. Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church to flourish as we together serve our neighbors, both near and far away, by showing love and doing mercy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

### **Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you save them,

that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Both we and our fathers have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

They made a calf in Horeb  
and worshiped a metal image.

They exchanged the glory of God  
for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,  
wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22:1-14**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants<sup>[a]</sup> to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

MESSAGE....."Invited, Chosen?" .....Pastor Jon Schultz

HYMN....."God Be with You till We Meet Again" .....UMH #672

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Colony Court:** Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast, Marian Broughten

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office October 17 through 20.

Elizabeth Circle will meet this Wednesday, October 18 at 2:30 pm in the Lakeview Room. Hostess will be Sandy Voshell. Devotions: Mary Stauffer. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday school is meeting today and Sunday, October 29.

There will be an Autumn Fest prep meeting on Monday, October 16 at 10:00 am in the Lakeview Room.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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10/15/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
10/16/2023 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00 am – Autumn Fest Prep Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
10/18/2023 (Wed.)	<b><i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i></b> 2:30 pm – Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
10/19/2023 (Thurs.)	<b><i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i></b>
10/22/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am – Worship Service 10:30 am- Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Pastor's Office Hours this Week:**

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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